

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Flasher

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: DVD

Director/Author: Paul Thomas

Producer/Publisher: Shylar Cobi

Country of Origin: USA

Language: English

Applicant: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.

Distributor: Calvista NZ Ltd

Classification:	<p>The unexcised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable.</p> <p>The excised version of this publication is classified as Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.</p>
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 11 April 2007

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 700391

Unexcised version of publication:

	Components	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Extras	
Feature:	Flasher	137.55

Other timed components:	Behind The Scenes	23.50
	Bonus Scenes (x5)	27.32
	Lux's Life	0.59
	The Visitor	0.59
	Emperor	0.59
Other components:	Copyright Warning Notice	
	Age Compliance Notice	
	Photo Gallery	
Total running time:		192.14

Excisions: Excisions Recommended But Not Made

Reasons for excisions:

An excision is required to remove a scene that presents the sustained degradation and rough treatment of a woman. She is abused, roughly manipulated and presented as an object worthy of contempt. The scene has no obvious context of role-play and is out of context with other scenes in the feature. It is designed to sexually arouse male viewers and presents such conduct as reasonable for this purpose. Consequently the scene presents highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct, and violence in association with sexual conduct, to an extent and degree, and in a manner that is likely to be injurious to the public good.

Summary of reasons for classification:

The DVD entitled *Flasher* is classified as:
Objectionable.

An excision was required to the publication to remove a scene that presented the sustained degradation and rough treatment of a woman. She is verbally abused, roughly manipulated and presented as an object worthy of contempt. The scene has no obvious context of role-play and is out of context with other scenes in the feature. It is designed to sexually arouse male viewers and presents such conduct as reasonable for this purpose. Consequently the scene presents highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct, and violence in association with sexual conduct, to an extent and degree, and in a manner that is likely to be injurious to the public good.

In this instance the distributor declined to make the excision as recommended and the publication is therefore classified as objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act (1990) on the application of the classification criteria. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to prevent the availability of publications that depict highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning conduct and violence in association with sexual conduct, to an extent and degree, and in such a manner, that is likely to be injurious to the public good.